

## CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Where claims have been amended and/or canceled, such amendments and/or cancellations are done without prejudice and/or waiver and/or disclaimer, and Assignee reserves the right to claim this subject matter in a continuing application:

1. (Currently amended) ~~A method for replacing a language of a user interface of a computer system, comprising:~~

~~starting an application on the computer system, the application having a user interface comprising original text drawn in a first language;~~

~~receiving a selection of a second language from among a plurality of languages;~~

~~in response to the receiving, identifying an external language file associated with the second language, the external language file including comprising a plurality of language strings; and~~

~~redrawing the user interface in the second language by replacing the original text drawn in the user interface the first language with one or more of the language strings of the external language file without closing the application.~~

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein redrawing the user interface further comprises ~~redrawing said user interface by~~ replacing portions of the ~~first language original text with the at least one or more language strings comprising words associated with the second language string.~~

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~and~~ further comprising modifying the plurality of language strings to include the one or more language strings, wherein the plurality of language files are configured to be modified without modifying the application ~~comply with the second language in response to an absence of a language string associated with the second language.~~

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~and~~ further comprising modifying the external language file to include the one or more language strings, wherein the external language file is configured to be modified without modifying the application ~~empty with the second language in response to an absence of an external language file associated with the second language.~~

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of language strings comprise words.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~external language file~~ comprises a plurality of external language strings comprise a plurality of different languages, and wherein the second language is selected from the plurality of different languages files.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the application is operated on an operating system.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:  
a computer system configured, ~~said computer system being adapted to:[:;]]~~  
start an application on the computer system, the application having a user interface comprising text drawn in a first language;  
~~receive a selection of a second language from among a plurality of languages;~~  
~~in response to the receiving,~~ identify an external language file associated with a selected  
replacement ~~the second language,~~ the external language file comprising ~~including~~ a plurality of language strings; and  
redraw the user interface in the selected ~~second~~ language by replacing the text ~~first language~~ with one or more of the language strings of the external language file without closing

the application, wherein the external language file resides in the computer system external to the application.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein ~~said computer system is further adapted to redraw the user interface by replacing~~ portions of the text are replaced ~~first~~ language with the at least one or more language string strings comprising words associated with the selected language.

12. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the said computer system is further configured adapted to modify the plurality of language strings string to ~~comply with the second language in response to an absence of~~ include the one or more a language strings string associated with the ~~second~~ selected language that correspond to the replaced text.

13. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the said computer system is further configured adapted to modify the external language file to include the one or more language strings associated ~~comply with the second~~ selected language, wherein the external language file is configured to be modified without modifying the application in response to an absence of an external language file associated with the second language.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the ~~external language file comprises a plurality of external language strings~~ are associated with a plurality of different languages, and wherein the selected language is selected from the plurality of different languages files.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the application is operated on an operating system.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:  
selecting identifying a second language for a running an application displaying a user interface comprising original text drawn in a first language, wherein the second language is selected from a plurality of different languages;

~~in response to the selecting, accessing~~ an external language file ~~including comprising~~ language strings associated with the second language; and

replacing the original text drawn in the user interface first language with one or more language strings associated with the of the second language without closing the application.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the plurality of language strings comprise multiple translations of the original text words.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the external language file comprises a plurality of ~~external language~~ strings associated with the plurality of different languages files.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the application comprises an operating system.

22. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the external language file is externally located from the application.

23. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the external language file resides in a computer system external to the application.